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SUBJECT: LIBYAN ARAB AIRLINES SEEKING REPLACEMENT OF AIR FRANCE  
OPERATION/MANAGEMENT/SERVICE CONTRACT

1. WE UNDERSTAND LARG AND LAA HAVE  
LONG BEEN DISSATIS-  
FIED WITH MANAGEMENT SERVICES THEY HAVE BEEN RECEIVING  
FROM AIR FRANCE AND ARE LOOKING FOR REPLACEMENT. CON-  
TRACT HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO LAPSE ALTHOUGH ITS TERMS RE-  
MAIN IN FORCE ON AD HOC BASIS. THIS INFO GIVEN US BY  
CHIEF MAINTENANCE LOCKHEED C-130 TEAM HERE.

2. MAJOR FARJANI, CHIEF LIBYAN AIR FORCE, INFORMED  
LOCKHEED REP THAT THE TWO TOP LAA OFFICIALS HAD BEEN  
FIRED AND THAT RCC PARTICULARLY DISSATISFIED WITH  
OPERATIONS. LT. COL. ABU BAKR YUNIS OF RCC HAS BEEN  
DELEGATED STRAIGHTEN SITUATION OUT. MAJOR LIBYAN COM-  
PLAINT IS THAT  
AIR FRANCE, IN APPROXIMATELY NINE YEARS  
OF CONTRACT, HAS FAILED TO QUALIFY SINGLE LIBYAN CHIEF  
PILOT AND THAT ALL CHIEF PILOTS OF LAA REMAIN FRENCH  
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NATIONALS. REASON FRENCH GIVE, WHICH LIBYANS REGARD

FLIMSY, IS THAT, UNDER CONTRACT, PILOT AND CHIEF CABIN ATTENDANT MUST BE SAME NATIONALITY. THUS, FRENCH SEEM-INGLY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TRAIN EVEN LIBYAN CHIEF STEWARD FOR LAA.

3. LIBYAN

L O STRONGLY SUSPECT THAT FRENCH ARE OVER-CHARGING FOR SUCH SERVICE AS MAINTENANCE/INSPECTION AND ARE EITHER CARRYING OUT, IN THIR PARIS SHOPS, UNNEEDED MECHANICAL SERVICES OR ARE BILLING FOR SUCH SERVICES EVEN WHEN NOT PERFORMED. ANY CASE, DOCUMENTATION ON SUCH SERVICES HAS BEEN FAR TOO SCANTY EVEN THOUGH LIBYANS HAVE ALWAYS PROMPTLY PAID FOR SUCH SERVICES.

4. FRAJANI ASKED LOCKHEED REP IF HIS COMPANY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN TAKING OVER SUCH CONTRACT. REP RESPONDED THAT SUCH NEGOTIATION OUTSIDE HIS COMPETENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY BUT HE WOULD FORWARD LIBYAN REQUEST TO HIS HEADQUARTERS.

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